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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated July 23, 2002 (Paper No.8)

in the above-identified application, as follows.

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REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

Group I (Claims 1-42), drawn to method(s) and kit(s) which comprises measuring the expression level of a particular marker (i.e. gene) associated with psoriasis or a TH-1 associated condition, classified in at least, for example, Class 435, subclasses 6 and 7.1 and Class 536, subclass 23.1 and 24.3; or

Group II (Claims 43-47), drawn to method(s) and kit(s) for treating a subject with psoriasis or a TH-1 associated condition or a subject at risk thereof, classified in at least, for example, Class 514, subclasses 2 and 44.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, namely Claims 43-47.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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